GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3218
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2015
Cases of Crimes against Children
Sreeramulu Shri B.

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases relating to abuse/crimes against children pending in Supreme Court, High Courts and Subordinate courts in the country, State/UT/court-wise;
(b) the total number of such cases disposed of during each of the last three years and current year State/UT/court-wise;
(c) whether the Government proposes to adopt victim-friendly trial procedures in such cases in order to protect the victims from aggressive questioning/character assassination by the prosecutors;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken/being taken In this regard?

Answer

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE
(SHRI D.V. Sadananda Gowda)

(a) & (b): Based on the information available on the website of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a State/UT-wise statement indicating the number of cases of crimes against children in which trials were completed and the number of cases pending trial as at the end of the years 2012, 2013 ad 2014 is enclosed as Annexure-I.
(c) to (e): The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 provides for constitution of Special Courts for disposal of cases of crimes
against children. The Act lays down various measures for victim friendly trial
procedure in cases involving crimes against children.
Section-33 of the Act provides for the following:-
(i) The Special Public Prosecutor, or as the case may be, the
counsel appearing for the accused shall, while recording the
examination-in-chief, cross-examination or re-examination of the
child, communicate the questions to be put to the child to the
Special Court which shall in turn put those questions to the child.
(ii) The Special Court may, if it considers necessary, permit frequent
breaks for the child during the trial.
(iii) The Special Court shall create a child-friendly atmosphere by
allowing a family member, a guardian, a friend or a relative, in
whom the child has trust or confidence, to be present in the
court.
(iv) The Special Court shall ensure that the child is not called
repeatedly to testify in the court.
(v) The Special Court shall not permit aggressive questioning or
character assassination of the child and ensure that dignity of
the child is maintained at all times during the trial.
(vi) The Special Court shall ensure that the identity of the child is not
disclosed at any time during the course of investigation or trial.
Section-36 of the Act lays down that the Special Court shall ensure
that the child is not exposed in any way to the accused at the time of
recording of the evidence. The Special Court may record the statement
of a child through video conferencing or by utilizing single visibility
mirrors or curtains or any other device. Section-37of the Act lays down
that the Special Court shall try cases in camera and in the presence of
the parents of the child or any other person in whom the child has trust
or confidence. Section-38 of the Act lays down that if a child has a
mental or physical disability, the Special Court may take the
assistance of a special educator or any person familiar with the
manner of communication of the child or an expert in that field to
record the evidence of the child. Model Guidelines have also been
issued under Section-39 of the Act for use of Professionals and
Experts.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3218 for answer on 17-12-2015.

Annexure-I
CASES OF CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN
S.No.
States
No. of Cases
No. of Cases
No. of Cases
2012
2013
2014
In which Trials Completed
Pending Trial at the end of year
In which Trials Completed
Pending Trial at the end of year
In which Trials Completed
Pending Trial at the end of year
1
Andhra Pradesh
1471
3070
1138
3783
680
2281
2
Arunachal Pradesh
5
181
0
232
4
116
3
Assam
45
519
228
627
88
914
4
Bihar
867
3290
513
4101
497
4564
5
Chhattisgarh
1222
4068
1240
5318
1670
6045
6
Goa
11
261
9
352
16
491
7
Gujarat
466
5596
524
6577
450

7250
8
Haryana
221
803
612
1146
1157
1505
9
Himachal Pradesh
97
542
179
630
126
748
10
Jammu & Kashmir
10
181
125
108
54
353
11
Jharkhand
86
64
47
76
327
604
12
Karnataka
253
887
383
1158
331
3026
13
Kerala
387
3596
423
4593
431
6238
14
Madhya Pradesh
3086
12159
4063
13866
5345
18080
15
Maharashtra
1033
18007
994
21255
1319
25302
16
Manipur
0
5
0
9

0
27
17
Meghalaya
5
231
15
333
7
478
18
Mizoram
42
101
37
121
53
146
19
Nagaland
16
7
12
0
5
7
20
Odisha
99
1144
192
1711
207
2840
21
Punjab
289
875
632
969
495
864
22
Rajasthan
770
3200
609
4065
786
5329
23
Sikkim
38
87
99
27
34
61
24
Tamil Nadu
299
1421
542
1700
961
2449
25
Telangana
-
-
-

-
633
2507
26
Tripura
36
328
22
409
65
460
27
Uttar Pradesh
1911
11115
2040
16024
2751
25011
28
Uttarakhand
57
171
82
205
83
417
29
West Bengal
194
2466
222
3539
557
6315
Total (All-India)
13016
74375
14982
92934
19132
124428
UNION TERRITORIES:
30
A & N Islands
8
198
19
250
26
254
31
Chandigarh
44
105
69
111
113
127
32
D & N Haveli
8
39
6
39
0
44
33
Daman & Diu
3
14

7
12
3
11
34
Delhi
788
3520
803
4153
823
6021
35
Lakshadweep
0
0
0
0
0
1
36
Puducherry
17
91
4
103
0
39
Total (UTs)
868
3967
908
4668
965
6497
Total (All-India)
13884
78342
15890
97602
20097
130925